Mr. C. O. Madhavan : There is no prohibition.

Mr. H. O. L. Marikar : Is the Commissioner aware that local salt alone is being used there ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : That may be because the merchants are purchasing only local salt.

Mr. H. O. L. Marikar : Will the Government be pleased to make arrangements hereafter so that local salt and Bombay salt may be purchased by the merchants in the Northern taluks in the proportion of two to one ?

President : The member has already told the House that that is the arrangement.

Registry of the Palkulam tank for salt manufacture.

72. ***Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to dispose of Palkulam tank in Kanniakumari pakuthi, Agastisvaram taluk, for the purpose of salt manufacture ;

(*b*) how many applications have hitherto been received for regsitry of the land for the salt manufactured ; and

(*c*) how many of the applicants are from Agastisvarm taluk and how many from other taluks and how many from outside the State ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) Applications have been received for the registry of the Palkulam for salt manufacture.

(*b*) 4.

(c) Three applicants are from the Agastisvaram taluk and one from another taluk in the State. No application has been received from outside the State.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know from the member whether the Palkulam tank is to be disposed of by public auction or by any other manner ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : The question has not reached that stage.

Prohibition of Liquor.

73. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have not, at the time of Mr. Watts, declared that prohibition was their ultimate goal, that they would try local option in some places and that if it was found successful, the same would be adopted generally ;

(*b*) the places where local option was tried, its result, whether they acted accordingly, and, if not, why ;

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